

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2011

The North Providence School Committee met on August 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present were Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Scungio. Dr. Donoyan, Mr. McNamee, Mr. Tedeschi and Mr. Milazzo were present for the regular session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into open session at 6:00 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).

The Chair reported that there were two votes taken in Executive Session. The first vote was for a balanced budget that carried by a vote of 7 to 0. He asked the Committee to take a re-vote in open session. Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Next, there was a general consensus taken in Executive Session to approve Plan A pertaining to the Assistant Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ms. Leva, nay, Mr. Palmieri, nay, Mrs. Picard, nay, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 3.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.

No comments were received.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. ELL Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked Deana Silvaggio to present the Policy updates and revisions. Ms. Silvaggio spoke about the Policy as the representative of the ELL team and focused on the Can Do indicators. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-08-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the ELL Policy as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the

Committee for approval of the Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-08-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Home Schooling Requests.

Dr. Donoyan read the list of requests as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-08-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Department vote to approve the Home Schooling Requests as submitted based each request being in compliance with State Law. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, nay, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

4. Field Trips.

Dr. Donoyan read the Field Trip Request and asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the Request. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-08-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the

N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Field Trip Request as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, and Mr. Iannetta, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Proposed Budget Cuts.

This item was already addressed.

6. Custodians Contract.

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 11-08-23. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to ratify the Custodians Contract as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Technology Subcommittee Report – Mrs. Picard.

Mrs. Picard reported that the Technology Subcommittee did not meet.

2. Interview Policy – Mrs. Picard.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva to refer the Interview Policy to the Policy Subcommittee to create a Policy with guidelines and criteria for interviews. A roll call vote was taken as follow: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Personnel Policy – Mrs. Picard.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva to refer the Personnel Policy to the Policy Subcommittee to review the Policy and ensure that there is no conflict. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Superintendent's Evaluation – Mrs. Picard.

Mrs. Picard spoke about the request by the Commissioner of Education that everyone be evaluated. She asked that the School Committee follow through to assure compliance.

5. Rezoning of School Areas – Mrs. Picard.

Mrs. Picard requested a review of the school numbers to make sure that the numbers are balanced.

6. Appointment Dates for Legal Counsel and School Committee Secretary – Ms. Leva.

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri to change the appointment dates for Legal Counsel and School Committee Secretary to a yearly appointment so that they are the same as the Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Cataldi expressed concerns with the change based on the fact that the Chair and Vice Chair is elected and the Secretary and Legal Counsel are appointed. Mrs. Reall also felt that they should be two-year terms. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mrs. Reall, nay, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

7. Special Permission Appeals.

This item was already addressed.

8. Intra District Transfer Policy – Mr. Cataldi.

Mr. Cataldi requested that the item be removed from the Agenda.

9. School Based Coordinator Contract.

Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Ms. Leva to grant the School Based Coordinator Contract. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

No requests were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Kathy Anzeveno – Grade 2 Elementary Teacher – Whelan Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective 2011/2012 School Year, Cristina Brothers – Special Education Teacher – McGuire Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence – Effective 2011/2012 School Year; Stacy Coleman – Grade 3 Teacher – Marieville Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective 2011/2012 School Year; Kerri Crescenzo-Croft – Special Education Teacher – Greystone/McGuire Schools – Paid Medical Leave of Absence – Effective August 29, 2011 through October 3, 2011; Eleanor Lonardo – Crossing Guard – McGuire Elementary

School – Unpaid Leave of Absence – Effective – August 30, 2011 through September 16, 2011; Michele Murphy – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School – Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective August 30, 2011 through a date to be determined; Thomas Policastro – ESL Teacher – NPHS – Paid FMLA August 29, 2011 through November 23, 2011 and Unpaid FMLA November 23, 2011 through December 7, 2011; and Jillian Ruggerio – Integrated Pre-K Classroom Teacher – Greystone Elementary Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective August 29, 2011 through January 20, 2012. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 11-08-26. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Leaves of Absence requests as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the following appointments: James Cusick – Middle School Wrestling Coach – Ricci Middle School – Effective August 25, 2011; Kerri Donahue – Pre-K Special Educator – Greystone Elementary School – 1st Step BA Effective August 29, 2011 through January 20, 2012 (1 Semester Only); Amy Gingras – Elementary Music/Band Teacher – District-Wide – 2nd Step BA Effective August 29, 2011 (Pending BCI); George Thomas – Middle

School Math Teacher – Ricci Middle School – 1st Step BA Effective 2011/2012 School Year; and Michaela Turbitt – Occupational Therapist – Effective August 29, 2011 (Pending Step Verification.)

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-08-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. The Chair asked the appointees to stand to receive applause and congratulations. Mrs. Reall offered congratulations to Dr. Donoyan for her appointment as Superintendent of Woonsocket and thanked her for all of her hard work.

3. Layoff Rescission(s)

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 11-08-17. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Layoff Rescission(s) as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. The request by the Ice House was removed from the requests. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-08-19. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of August 2011 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-08-20. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the

North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the August 2011 List of Bills in the amount of \$442,833.70. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Mrs. Reall asked when the last time the Town sent the bi-weekly allocation to the School Department. Mr. McNamee stated that the last allocation was received on July 27.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-08-21. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the July 27, 2011 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-08-21. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Minutes of the July 27, 2011 School Committee Meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr.

Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

Public comments were received.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was discussed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Margie Caranci,
Recording Secretary of the North Providence
School Committee**

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: